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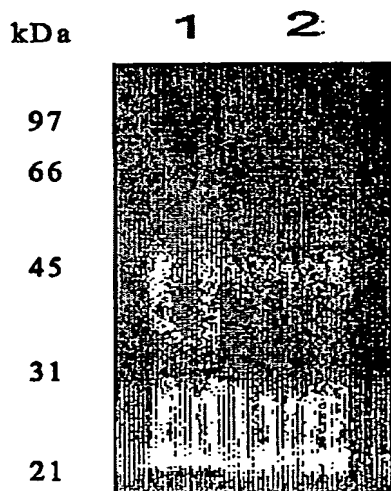
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(54) Title: PHYTASE PRODUCED FROM CITROBACTER BRAAKII



(57) **Abstract:** The present invention relates to novel phytase en-
zyme, a gene coding the enzyme, and a *Citrobacter* sp. producing the
enzyme. Particularly, the present invention relates to the phytase en-
zyme produced from *Citrobacter* sp. having (a) molecular weight of
47 kDa, (b) optimal pH of 3.5-4.5, (c) optimal temperature of 45-55
°C, (d) as substrates phytate, p-nitrophenyl phosphate, tetrasodium
pyrophosphate, ATP or ADP, (e) Michaelis constant of 0.3-0.5 mM
utilizing phytate as substrate, and (f) high resistance to protease such
as pepsin, trypsin, papain, elastase or pancreatin. The present in-
vention also relates to the gene coding the phytase enzyme and the
Citrobacter braakii producing the enzyme. The phytase enzyme and
the *Citrobacter braakii* producing the enzyme of the present invention
can be used in manufacturing a feed of monogastrics as feed additive
and in recovering a specific decomposition product of phytate at low
price.

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